(b) what is the total amount earmarked for the purpose during last three years and the amount spent for the purpose during the same period: and

(c) the number of units which have come up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The State Governments endeavour to create climate conducive to set up electronic industry in the State, Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance whenever required. The progressive licensing policies followed by Government are applicable to Orissa also. Orissa Electronics Development Corp. is engaged in promotion of electronics industry in Orissa State.

It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar, detail of which including the cost are being worked out in consultation with Government of Orissa.

Department of Electronics under its Standardization Testing and Quality Control (STOC) programme has so far given Rs. 15 lakhs to Electronics Test and Development Centre, Bhubaneswar which provides test and Calibration facilities to small and medium scale electronic industry in the region.

With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipment, Department of Electronics, Government of India has decided in principle to set up a LSI/VLSI Design Centre at Bhubaneswar at a cost of Rs. 1 crore approximately.

(c) Industrial licences have been issued to 11 units and Letters of Intent (LOIs) to 29 units for manufacture of electronic items

National Missile test range at Baliapal

2153. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry took a decision to locate the national missile testing range at Baliapal in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that this was not feasible because of the Paradip Port location;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Sriharikota has also been considered; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not locating the same at Sriharikota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Expert Committee had examined this site in detail from all aspects and had not found it suitable for setting up the National Range.

AIDS Carriers

2154. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified possible carriers of AIDS from social groups in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government have identified certain categories of persons belonging to high risk group namely (i) romosexuala, (ii) prostitutes, (iii) drug addicts and (iv) haemophilics who required repeated

transfusion of blood, as possible carriers of AIDS. Upto 31-10-1988 altogether, 1,66,566 persons have been screened of which 532 have been confirmed to have AIDS infection. Out of these 532 cases, 25 persons have developed full blown disease. Of these 25 cases, 9 were foreigners and 16 Indians. Of the 16 Indians, 4 are indigenous cases and the remaining contracted the infection during their stay abroad.

Super Computer for Prime Minister's Office

2155. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations for the Super Computer for use in the Prime Minister's Office have been made with any foreign country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether any negotiations have been concluded with any foreign country for installation of Super Computers in other than Prime Minister's Office; and

(d) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Negotiations were conducted with M|s. Control Data Corporation, United States of America, Crap Research Inc., USA and NEC, Japan for acquisition of a Super Computer for climatological and meteorological data archiving, analysis, modelling and forecasting. A duly constituted committee negotiated and recommended the purchase of Cray XMP|14. The system is in the process of being installed in Delhi

Acquisition of another Super Computer is being negotiated with a number of companies in USA and Japan for installation at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for climatological modelling, molecular biology, design of engineering structures and many other civilian applications of national interest.

Appointment of S|C Judges in High Courts

2156. SHRI OM PRAKASH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Scheduled Castes Judges presently appointed in the various High Courts in the country as against the vacancies (to be shown separately) and what are the reasons for not filling up the vacancies; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government so far to fill up these vacancies and by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement. [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 98]

Selection of judges involves deliberation in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities and is a continuous process. The Government has made all possible efforts to expedite the consultations. It is, however, not possible to indicate any definite date by which the vacancies will be filled.

Viral Genes Developed by National Institute of Virology, Pune

2157. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Viral Genes has recently been developed by the scientists at the National Institute of Virology, Pune;